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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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9 JAVIER BENITO-VICTORIA,

10 Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 BRIAN WILLIAMS, SR.,

13 Respondents.  
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Case No. 2:17-cv-02606-APG-VCF

**ORDER**

15 Petitioner has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus (ECF No. 1). The court will direct  
16 respondents to file a response.

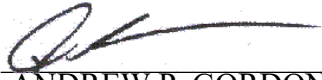
17 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the clerk shall add Adam Paul Laxalt, Attorney  
18 General for the State of Nevada, as counsel for respondents.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall electronically serve upon respondents a  
20 copy of the petition and this order.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents shall have forty-five (45) days from the date  
22 on which the petition was served to answer or otherwise respond to the petition. Respondents shall  
23 raise all potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading, including untimeliness,  
24 lack of exhaustion, and procedural default. Successive motions to dismiss will not be entertained.  
25 If respondents file and serve an answer, then they shall comply with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing  
26 Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then petitioner shall have forty-five  
27 (45) days from the date on which the answer is served to file a reply. If respondents file a motion,  
28 then the briefing schedule of Local Rule LR 7-2 shall apply.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hard copy of any electronically filed exhibits shall be  
2 forwarded—for this case—to the staff attorneys in Las Vegas.

3 DATED: February 2, 2018.

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6 ANDREW P. GORDON  
United States District Judge